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	Des. 302,304	07/18/89	Kulle, et al.				
	Des. 323,390	01/21/92	Paine, et al.				
	Des. 347,060	05/17/94	Bieman				
	747,360	12/22/03	Barry				
	1,043,683	11/05/12	Fieser				
	1,104,955	07/28/14	Bellows				
	1,113,080	10/06/14	Wilson				
	2,446,599	08/10/48	Knaggs				
	2,525,398	10/10/50	Collins				
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	2,675,829	04/20/54	Livers				
	2,868,564	01/13/59	Arras				
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	3,167,072	01/26/65	Stone, et al.				
	3,245,567	04/12/66	Knight				
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	3,529,597	09/22/70	Fuzak				
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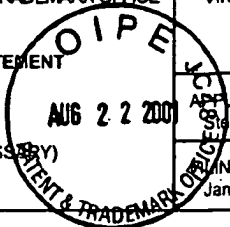
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		3,942,228	03/09/76	Buckman, et al.			
		3,973,565	08/10/76	Steer			
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		4,037,599	07/26/77	Raulerson			
		4,059,105	11/22/77	Cutruzzula, et al.			
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		4,082,094	04/04/78	Dailey			
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		4,099,744	07/11/78	Kutnyak, et al.			
		4,108,475	08/22/78	Fleischer			
		4,114,614	09/19/78	Kesling			
		4,114,618	09/19/78	Vargas			
		4,116,196	09/26/78	Kaplan, et al.			
		4,123,091	10/31/78	Cosentino, et al.			
		4,129,128	12/12/78	McFarlane			
		4,133,312	01/09/79	Burd			
		4,142,527	03/06/79	Garcia			
		4,161,177	07/17/79	Fuchs			
		4,224,937	09/30/80	Gordon			
		4,250,880	02/17/81	Gordon			
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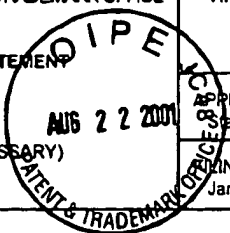


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	4,392,853	07/12/83	Muto			
	4,397,647	08/09/83	Gordon			
	4,405,163	09/20/83	Voges, et al.			
	4,449,975	05/22/84	Perry			
	4,453,933	06/12/84	Speaker			
	4,474,559	10/02/84	Steiger			
	4,480,639	11/06/84	Peterson, et al.			
	4,516,968	05/14/85	Marshall, et al.			
	4,585,435	04/29/86	Vaillancourt			
	4,633,863	01/06/87	Filips, et al.			
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	4,711,636	12/08/87	Bierman			
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	4,752,292	06/21/88	Lopez, et al.			
	4,792,163	12/20/88	Kutle			
	4,795,429	01/03/89	Feldstein			
	4,826,486	05/02/89	Palsrok, et al.			
	4,834,702	05/30/89	Rocco			
	4,834,716	05/30/89	Ogle, II			
	4,838,858	06/13/89	Wortham, et al.			
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	4,919,654	04/24/90	Kalt			
	4,934,375	06/19/90	Cole, et al.			
	4,955,864	09/11/90	Hajdich			
	4,966,582	10/30/92	Sit, et al.			
	4,976,700	12/11/90	Tollini			
	4,981,469	01/01/91	Whitehouse, et al.			
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	5,084,026	01/28/92	Shapiro			
	5,135,506	08/04/92	Gentelia, et al.			
	5,147,322	09/15/92	Bowen, et al.			
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	5,156,641	10/20/92	White			
	5,192,273	03/09/93	Bieman, et al.			
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	5,342,317	08/30/94	Claywell			
	5,344,406	09/06/94	Spooner			
	5,344,414	09/06/94	Lopez, et al.			
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	5,352,211	10/04/94	Merskelly			
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	5,413,562	05/09/95	Swauger			
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	5,484,425	01/16/96	Fischell, et al.			
	5,496,283	03/05/96	Alexander			
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		WO 90/05559	05/31/90	PCT				
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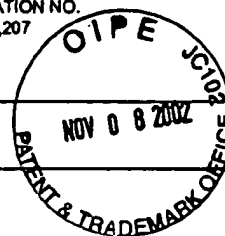
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